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APPLICANT	Peter HIMMELSBACH et al.,
FILED	July 26, 2000
EXAMINER	Jeremy R. Pierce
ART UNIT	1771
FOR	SUPPORTING MATERIAL FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examining the above-referenced application on the merits, Applicants request entry of the amendment, and consideration of the remarks filed herewith.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If any extension of time for this response is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefore. Please charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-32 have been amended to conform to US practice. New dependent claims 33-34 have been added. None of the amended or newly added claims introduce new matter.

Claims 1-32 have been rejected under § 103(a) over Kantner in view of Riedel, and further in view of Ganschow. It is believed that the amendment to claim 1 as well as the ensuing remarks, overcome this rejection.

Rejection Over Kantner in View of Riedel

Claim 1 has been amended to more narrowly define the claimed article as comprising an adhesive composition based on polystyrene block copolymers. The claims recite a backing of a nonwoven stitch-bonded material that is coated with a blend of (1) one or more hot-melt adhesives having a polystyrene-copolymer based adhesive and (2) one or more pharmaceutically active components.